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Mary Davis, a colored woman, Pitts's housekeeper, was so dangerously wounded that she will probably die.

When the news of the murder reached Summit, three miles from Stony Hill, the fire alarm was sounded, and the firemen and other citizens, responding, searched the woods for the murderers.

Pitts lived in a secluded district. He was reputed to be wealthy. At 9 o'clock last night as near as can be learned by the detailed utterances of Mary Davis, two men, who wore masks, entered his house. One struck Pitts on the head with a hatchet and fell dead. Mary Davis was lying on a sofa. The murderous burglars attacked her, struck her on the head, but wounded and staggering she made her way into another room.

After awhile, when it was quiet, she crawled to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm. She could tell that that would point to the burglars' identity.

From the appearance of the wound on Pitts's head it seems likely that he was killed with a hatchet. Pitts's body was found in the woods above the house. The cut was clean, without confusion, and the scalp split his skull.

The woman's wounds seem to have been made with a blunt instrument.

It appears that Pitts was sitting beside a lamp reading a newspaper and went to the door of his cottage to answer a knock. The blow may have been struck the moment the door was opened, as Pitts's body lay prostrate on the floor. To reach the woman the murderers had to step across Pitts's body. No attempt was made to ransack the house, and the woman's servants, frightened away the murderers. The Chief of Police has sent for bloodhounds with which he hopes to track the criminals.

Two hours after the murder was committed a young man, Edward Delaney, while on Pine Grove avenue, about a mile away from Pitts's house, was stopped by two men, who tore off his clothes, and, leaving his shirt and undershirt and rushed into the woods. Delaney was so badly frightened that, picking up his coat and vest, he remounted his wheel and rode to his home, only about two hundred yards from the Pitts house.

At midnight the fire alarm was sounded, and the firemen started to search the woods for the murderers. Pitts's body was taken to a neighbor's house. Although the murderer must have had less than ten minutes' start, the neighborhood is so thickly populated and the people were so appalled by the tragedy that the chase did not start for three hours. This is the first murder ever committed in the township.

IS HE THE BURGLAR?

Man Under Arrest Suspected of Beating Miss Agatha Haag.

Is the masked assailant of Agatha Haag, of Mount Vernon, one of the gang of pirate-burglars who have terrorized the residents of Long Island Sound for the last three years?

The police of Mount Vernon believe he is, and are also of the opinion that in the person of George Burgess, who was arrested near Miss Haag's home on Wednesday, they have one of the ringleaders of this gang.

This gang of pirate-burglars have become notorious because of their daring deeds along the Connecticut shores of the Sound. They have robbed summer hotels and houses and have invariably escaped capture by boarding a black sloop hidden in some inlet, and sailing away. There is evidence to support the belief of the police that in Burgess they have one of this gang.

From ship discharge papers found in his possession it is known that he has served as a seaman. A drawing of a field to him indicate the geographical location of certain streams, inlets and harbors, together with plans and maps of country roads in the vicinity of Mount Vernon and towns on Long Island Sound. All this the police believe to be suspicious.

When searched in the police station a note book containing suspicious memoranda was found. First was a long list of architects, with their addresses, most of whom resided in Hartford, Conn. Next was a list of names of persons in New York City. On the following pages were sketches in pencil topographical maps of roads, mostly in the vicinity of New Haven and Bridgeport.

Plans of Buildings.

One drawing showed the location of a farm, apparently of extensive acreage, giving the location of all the buildings thereon, and the plans of the stables and the first and second floors of the homestead. One building was marked, "Deserted in the daytime." A drawing of a field was marked: "Fruit trees and geese; low fence; geese dangerous." Beneath this drawing was another showing three roads, one leading to Bridgeport, one to New Haven and one to Derby. All the drawings in the book were roughly but skillfully executed. Other memoranda in the book included such statements as: "On a hill, very much improved, it is said, in health. The Steckerlites, who cost about 20,000 votes, are encouraged by the statement made by John C. Sheehan yesterday concerning Mr. Green. Mr. Sheehan said: 'Mr. Green would make a very good candidate for Mayor. He would command great respect and get the full Democratic vote.'"

"Has Tammany sent anybody to talk with Mr. Green on this subject?" Mr. Sheehan was asked.

"There is nothing in that report," replied Mr. Sheehan. "No delegation went to see Mr. Green, and none will go. Tammany is not sending anybody to ask anybody to become a candidate just now."

LOSS OF WORK; SUICIDE.

Mrs. Eccleton, Fearing Her Little Ones Would Starve, Took a Dose of Carbolic Acid.

Mrs. Ellen Eccleton, thirty years old, of 654 Columbus avenue, and the mother of four small children, attempted to commit suicide last night when her husband came home and told her he had lost his job. Thomas J. Eccleton, the father, was employed until yesterday in a Ninth avenue wallpaper store. His salary was small, but it was enough to keep the little family comfortably.

Mrs. Eccleton has been sick for some time, and she worried more than usual.

When her husband told her he was discharged she began to cry and sobbed.

"Oh, Tom, what will become of the children?" she cried, saying he was saying he would soon have work again.

The baby, eighteen months old, began to cry, and Mrs. Eccleton took it from the cradle and gave it to her husband. She then walked into a bedroom. Little Tommy, four years old, saw her pick up a bottle of carbolic acid, drank its contents and fell to the floor.

Tommy called his father, and the latter saw the child in the cradle and ran to the neighbors. One ran for a doctor and another went for a priest. Father Murray, of the Holy Name Church, responded and reviewed the matter. The Executive Committee, at Westchester, took the woman was then taken to Roosevelt Hospital, and the doctors think they will save her life.

WANTED TO SEE A WRECK

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